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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on May 6, 2009, this response is timely filed and no extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, if any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any additional extension and/or claim fee, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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